



**Draft Minutes of the
Miracle Mile Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 31st**

May 2, 2007, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Abrams Airborne Manufacturing, Inc.
3735 N. Romero Road, Tucson, Arizona 85705

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CAB Members Present: Gary Abrams, Robert Brobeck, George Hembree, Karen Ramage, Manuel Ramirez

CAB Members Absent: Pauline Massie, Netty Buras, Jan Randolph, David Crockett

ADEQ Staff Present: Tina Le Page, Project Manager; SRO; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO

Members of the Public Present: James Vieregg

The meeting began at 6:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Gary Abrams conducted introductions of the CAB members and public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes for 2/1/07 CAB Meeting

Karen Ramage motioned to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2007, CAB meeting. Manuel Ramirez seconded the motion. The CAB voted to accept the minutes; all were in favor; none opposed.

3. Nomination and Election of CAB Co-Chairs

George Hembree moved to nominate Gary Abrams and David Crockett to continue as co-chairs for the Miracle Mile CAB. Bob Brobeck seconded the motion. The CAB voted to reelect Gary Abrams and David Crockett as co-chairs for another year term. All were in favor; none opposed.

4. Introduction to WQARF Remedial Selection Process and How to Comment on the Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report

Tina Le Page provided an overview of the remedial selection progress and announced that the comment period for both the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Report and the remedial objectives was combined. Comments are due for both by May 23, 2007. She said that ADEQ

requests written comments; however, people can offer verbal comments on the Remedial Objectives at the May 16th public meeting. The Remedial Objectives focus mainly on the big picture—at what level will ADEQ clean up the soil and the groundwater. She said after comments are received on both the draft RI and the Remedial Objectives, ADEQ will compile the comments and responses in a Responsiveness Summary for each. The completed reports will be included as Appendices to the final RI. She offered the draft RI report on a CD to members present at the meeting and will mail them upon request.

5. CAB Discussion of Draft RI/Group Comment Decision

The CAB discussed whether they wished to formulate a comment as a group. Some members plan to comment individually. The CAB discussed the main goal is to strive for clean water. They discussed how they do not have the technical expertise to review the report. Eileen Palese said that the CAB comment would be included in the final report. The CAB decided to formulate a comment.

6. Call to the Public – to offer input to the CAB on the Draft RI

James Viereggs said that Abrams Airborne Manufacturing plans to submit a written comment to the draft RI. He said he could offer his experience as a member of the WQARF Advisory Board for the past ten years that the clean up will be guided by laws and rules that have been adopted by ADEQ or by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He said there are health risk factors that are taken into consideration to determine what type of remediation needs to take place. He said highly technical judgments need to be made and there are differences of opinion, even among regulators. He said this is not an easy decision to make, especially for members of the public to know what is required by law.

7. Formulation of CAB Comments on the Draft RI

The CAB discussed what the group's comment might be to the draft RI. They agreed that they want to see the site cleaned up, both the soil and the water. Karen Ramage compiled the suggested comment. The CAB decided to submit the following:

As a group, the members of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board (CAB) are in agreement that they want to see the affected area(s) cleaned both soil and water, to an acceptable level as governed by applicable environmental laws. At this time, one particular method to accomplish this effort has not been determined.

Eileen Palese said she will format the comment for the CAB and then submit it to Tina Le Page before the end of the comment period May 23, 2007. She said she will also mail a copy of it to all of the Miracle Mile CAB members.

8. CAB Discussion of Remedial Objectives and CAB Member Participation at the Remedial Objectives Public Meeting, May 16, 2007

The CAB decided that their comment, stated above, will be submitted for both the draft RI and the Remedial Objectives. The members discussed participation at the public meeting on May 16. One of the co-chairs will be part of the meeting agenda.

9. Site Investigation Update + Q&A

Tina Le Page provided a brief site update. She said the consultants, URS, performed sampling at the end of April. She did not have the reports available yet for the meeting. She said all site work needs to be completed before the end of ADEQ's fiscal year, June 30, 2007. She explained ADEQ's new policy regarding drawing the plume maps. She said that they are now not showing areas on the maps that are less than Aquifer Water Quality Standards. In previous reports ADEQ was showing areas of the site with low concentrations. These areas will not be part of the cleanup effort. She said this change makes the plumes look smaller, but they are really not changed from the previous depictions.

10. Other Administrative Business

Eileen Palese reported on the Dedication Ceremony and Tour of the Flowing Wells Irrigation District Groundwater Treatment Facility held April 6, 2007. She said there was quite a good turnout with some participants coming from the neighborhood. ADEQ's director, Steve Owens, spoke along with Eric P. Anderson, board member of the district, with David Crockett as master of ceremonies. A tour of the facility took place after the presentations and refreshments were served. The new treatment facility is located at the existing Roger Road pumping and storage facility.

11. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next meeting of the Miracle Mile Community Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at Flowing Wells Irrigation District, 3901 N. Fairview, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, or email at palese.eileen@azdeq.gov, for meeting information and proposed agenda.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on a digital device as a record of the proceedings. To listen to a recording, or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.